

tion time, and a prayer for Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday by Cleveland Jesuit J-Glenn Murray. There are morning and evening prayers in familiar formats and some intriguing adaptations of the Way of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, and the Prayer of Saint Francis. Don't be surprised if, when reading through these provocative pages, you find yourself making notes for your own compositions, shadowing the well-known women and men of prayer with reflections from the journey you have come to know.

There is even included a prayer I would like to dedicate to one of our readers who wrote anonymously a few months back: "I'll contribute when you stop printing your 'Ask Akhi' column." Our reader took time to suggest that there is little room in a newsletter from a gospel-based ministry for a beggar's cry to Allah. Jesus is Lord, and that's that. But in a selection entitled "Pray for Peace," Ellen Bass begins: "Pray to whomever you kneel to . . ." The need for peace is so critical and the occasions for *peace praying* so abundant that Ms. Bass suggests that we *become* the prayer for peace:

With each breath in, take in the faith of those
who have believed
when belief seemed foolish,
who persevered.

With each breath out, cherish.
Pull weeds for peace,
turn over in your sleep for peace,
feed the birds,
each shiny seed that spills onto the earth,
another second of peace.

Wash your dishes, call your mother, drink wine."

In *Living God's Justice*, you will be in good company. You will be praying with John Paul II and John Dear SJ. You will see the name Bishop Kenneth Untener given credit for a piece commonly attributed to his brother in faith, Oscar Romero! (We'll let them work it out.) Rahner will challenge you, along with Msgr. Geno Baroni. And the satire of Mark Twain will perturb what the lyricist Brian Wren will attempt to soothe.

All sources are referenced and the index is a helpful tool. This gem will soon be as worn as your address book and all your favorite "holy cards" will be tucked strategically here and there. I have already sent ten of these to my friends and another to my nephew in Florida for his

Confirmation next month. Like his new blue blazer, he'll grow into it.

For me, at least, the Roundtable's collection of reflections and prayers came at a good time. Whenever I feel like I "have no idea where I am going," it is a comfort to be in the company of saints. Yes, *Living God's Justice* even included the Merton prayer, right to the very last line: "I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." When you need a prayer, reach for this book.

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Artfully Done by Bob Kloos

A riddle: *How many lawyers does it take to build an overnight retreat?*

Answer: *About a dozen. Add a judge, and you have an unforgettable experience.*

Many months ago, Fr. Norm Douglas asked if I would be willing to direct a retreat for members of the legal profession who had already participated in a number of Heart to Heart leadership experiences. He said many of those who would come have participated in this annual event many times. He promised it would be a great experience. I trust Norm. I said "yes."

Heart to Heart Communications is an Akron-based nonprofit (h2hc.org) and Fr. Norm is a long-time friend and co-founder along with Larry Vuillemin, a lawyer himself. Heart to Heart is currently offering leadership training to various department heads at University Hospitals in Cleveland and plans to bring their H. Peter Burg Leadership Connection Series to the Cleveland area in fall of 2008. More on that later.

Heart to Heart Communications serves as a community catalyst for personal and spiritual development as a foundation for enriching workplaces. That's their mission. Their vision: A community where people find meaning and purpose and live ethical values in their daily work and community life.

This organization was founded more than fifteen years ago to address the dichotomy many of us feel when our faith and values are at risk of